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FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In Re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation

Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

This Document Relates To:

MDL No. 1285

NBTY, Inc., Rexall Sundown, Inc., Twin
Laboratories, Inc., and Cambr Company,
Inc., f/k/a Solgar Vitamin & Herb Company v.
F. Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd., et al.,

Case No. 99-CV-2372

Perrigo Company, et al v. F. Hoffmann-
La Roche Ltd., et al.,

Case No. 99-CV-2411

Natural Alternatives International, Inc.,
Nutraceutical Corporation, Makers of Kal,
Inc., and Weider Nutrition Group, Inc v. F.
Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., et al.,

Case No. 99-CV-2682

Leiner Health Products Inc. v. F. Hoffman-
La Roche, et al.

Case No. 99-CV-3047

**STIPULATION AND ORDER REGARDING DEGUSSA-HULS AG'S, E.MERCK'S AND
MERCK KGaA's RESPONSE TO THE CONSOLIDATED AMENDED COMPLAINT**

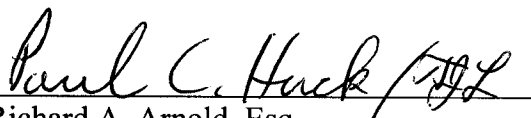
Plaintiffs in the above-captioned case and Defendants Degussa-Huls AG, E. Merck and
Merck KGaA stipulate and agree as follows:

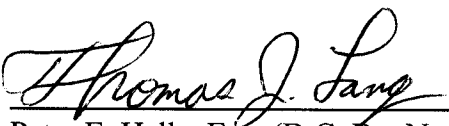
1. The time for Degussa-Huls AG, E. Merck and Merck KGaA to answer or
otherwise respond to the consolidated amended complaint in the above captioned matter shall be
extended to and including April 7, 2000. This extension is without any prejudice to these
defendants seeking an additional extension of time to answer or otherwise respond.

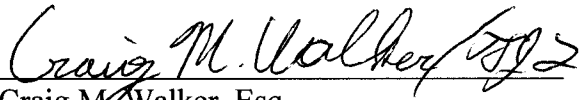
2. If Degussa-Huls AG, E. Merck or Merck KGaA files a motion in response to the consolidated amended complaint, any opposition shall be due within 21 days of receipt of such motion, and any reply shall be due within 14 days of receipt of such opposition.

3. Degussa-Huls AG, E. Merck and Merck KGaA do not waive, and expressly preserve, any and all defenses including, but not limited to, the defenses of insufficiency of service of process and lack of personal jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,


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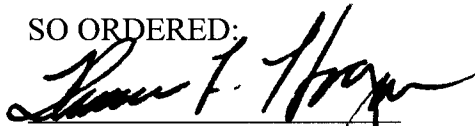
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SO ORDERED:



Thomas F. Hogan

United States District Judge

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